

COUNCIL MEETING

March 28, 2022

Paragould City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall with Mayor Agee presiding.

Invocation was led by Senior Pastor Marc Reeves of Westview Baptist Church.

The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Those present were Brad Baine, Jeremy Biggs, Lindsey Boggs, Mark Rowland, Susan Williams, Neal Adams and Randy Aden. Aaron Camp was absent.

City Attorney Robert Thompson and City Clerk Andrea Williams were present.

Councilmember Williams moved minutes from previous council meeting of March 14, 2022, be approved as transcribed; seconded by Councilmember Boggs. All in favor.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Service	- None
Finance	- None
Parks and Recreation	- None
Police	- None
Public Health and Ordinances	- None
Fire	- None
Sanitation	- None
Street/Cemetery	- None
Committee of the Whole	- Mayor Agee stated that the city advertised for RFQ's for an architect to build a new municipal building/police department. Six applications were received and four were interviewed. He, along with Shelia Ragsdell, Tisha Baldwin, Todd Stovall and Kevin Lang interviewed the

applicants and unanimously picked Lewis, Elliott, Mcmorran, Vaden of Little Rock.

Architect Steve Elliott with Lewis, Elliott, Mcmorran, Vaden of Little Rock came before the committee to discuss the difference in a General Contractor(GC) and a Construction Manager (CM).

Mr. Elliott explained that with a GC bids are taken and usually the low bid is excepted. In that bid the GC figures in items, such as rain delays, that may not be used but are still paid for.

A CM has a set fee and works with the subcontractors to insure a guarantee of the maximum cost of each item, such as painters, plumbers, electricians, etc. This will save the city money by not paying for items that we do not receive.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rowland to use a Construction Manager for the municipal building/police department project; seconded by Councilmember Aden.

Roll Call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Advertisements will be ran to hire a Construction Manager.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS –
DOWNTOWN AFTER HOURS**

Motion made that the resolution be offered by event, location, date and times by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes,

Main Street Paragould Director, Miranda Reynolds, was present to address the council. Mayor Agee stated that this is a yearly event hosted by Main Street Paragould.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-19)

ITEM #2

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS – 2022 ART AND STROLL

Motion made that the resolution be offered by event, location, date and times by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes,

Main Street Paragould Director, Miranda Reynolds, was present to address the council. Mayor Agee stated that this is a yearly event hosted by Main Street Paragould.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-20)

ITEM #3

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING AND USE OF CERTAIN STREETS – PARAGOULD FARMERS MARKET

Motion made that the resolution be offered by event, location, date and times by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes,

Main Street Paragould Director, Miranda Reynolds, was present to address the council. Mayor Agee stated that this is a yearly event hosted by Main Street Paragould.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-21)

ITEM #4

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FOR THE REBUILDING AMERICA INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANTS

Motion made that the resolution be offered by Councilmember Williams; seconded by Councilmember Rowland.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes.

Mayor Agee stated this grant was previously known as the “TIGER” grant. It is an 80/20 grant that will be a city/county partnership to continue the Eight Mile Trail project from South Rockingchair Road to Crowley’s Ridge State Park at Walcott. The cost from South Rockingchair to the city limits is approximately \$1 million. The city’s portion would be approximately \$200,000.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Baine; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-22)

ITEM #5

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ROADWAY DATA, INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Motion made that the ordinance be offered by Councilmember Biggs; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes.

Mayor Agee explained that this contract is with RMT for software and equipment to monitor and grade the streets in Paragould. The equipment will be attached to city and Paragould Light Water and Cable vehicles to get as much detail about the road conditions as possible. This will allow the street department to work on the streets that need the most attention first. This contract is \$33,600 with a four-year option.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Baine; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-23)

ITEM #6

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR STRUCTURE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS A NUISANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDING SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 408 BARD ROAD

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, name, address, and legal description only make by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes.

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Williams; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-24)

ITEM #7

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A BUILDING AND/OR STRUCTURE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS A NUISANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE VIII. CONDEMNATION OF BUILDING SEC. 10-240 THROUGH 10-247 – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 704 NORTH 4TH STREET

Motion made that the resolution be offered by title, name, address, and legal description only make by Councilmember Rowland; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes.

Code Enforcement Officer, J.D. Stephenson, was present and provided the council with documentation and photographs of the property. No one appeared in opposition.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted by Councilmember Williams; seconded by Councilmember Adams.

Roll call: Baine, yes; Biggs, yes; Boggs, yes; Rowland, yes; Williams, yes; Adams, yes; and Aden, yes. Motion carried seven to zero. Resolution adopted. (Resolution No. 2022-25)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Agee read a card from the Senior Bees thanking the city for the renovations of the Senior Bees Center.

Mayor Agee told the council that the city was given the Arkansas Business Trendsetter City Award 2021 in the Health and Wellness division at the Arkansas Municipal League Conference this past weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, Councilmember Williams moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilmember Boggs. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.

Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Williams, City Clerk